Andhra Pradesh. However, VSP indicates the recruitment programme to the State Government from time to time to enable them to draw up and implement required training programmes for displaced persons to match VSPs requirement.

(e) As per the revised concept under consideration with the Government, the first phase is proposed to be completed in 1988 and second phase in 1990.

Abolition of the Mineral Development Board

1332. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to abolish the Mineral Development Board;

(b) if so, which organisation is likely to perform the functions of the Mineral Development Board;

(c) where and in what manner the employees are likely to be absorbed in service; and

(d) what are the reasons for the abolition of the Mineral Development Board?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Subsidy on Crop Insurance in the Seventh Five Year Plan

1333. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme in he Seventh Five-Year Plan or subidising the premia to be paid by the small and marginal farmers for crop insurance;

(b) the extent to which the cost of subsidy is to be shared between the Centre and the States;

(c) what provision has been made in the Seventh Five Year Plan for this purpose;

(d) the head under which this provision is proposed to be accommodated in the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(e) what amount has been spent by the Centre on this scheme during the first year of the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Fifty per cent of the insurance service charges (i.e. premium) in respect of small and marginal farmers is subsidised jointly by the Central Government and the State Governments on a 50:50 basis.

(c) A provision of Rs. 85.00 crore has been tentatively made for the Seventh Five Year Plan. This includes expenditure on subsidy in the premium of small and marginal farmers as well as Central Government's contribution towards the State Crop Insurance Funds and also assistance to the General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC).

(d) The expenditure is debitable to Demand No. 2—Agriculture-'Major Head 360: G.2(4)(1)—Crop Insurance (Plan) under Department of Agriculture and Cooperation.

(e) An amount of Rs. 189.00 lakh has been released as subsidy to the State Governments during the current financial year (i.e. 1985-86) upto the period ended 28th February, 1986.